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Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda items 91 (c) and (f) (see A/58/481, para. 2). Action on sub-items (c) and (f) was taken at the 24th and 37th meetings, on 3 November and 11 December 2003, and action on sub-item (c) only was taken at the 38th meeting, on 12 December 2003. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-items is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/58/SR.24, 37 and 38).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.16 and A/C.2/58/L.73

2. At the 24th meeting, on 3 November, the representative of Morocco, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Almaty Programme of Action:

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Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries" (A/C.2/58/L.16), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling*, its resolution 56/180 of 21 December 2001, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene in 2003 the international ministerial meeting now known as the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, as well as its resolution 57/242 of 20 December 2002,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation;

"2. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Government of Kazakhstan for hosting the International Ministerial Conference in Almaty on 28 and 29 August 2003;

"3. *Endorses* the Almaty Programme of Action: addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Almaty Declaration adopted by the International Ministerial Conference;

"4. *Calls for* full and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled 'Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation';

"6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action."

3. At the 37th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries" (A/C.2/58/L.73), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16.

4. At the same meeting, the Director of the Division of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs read out an oral statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.73 (see A/C.2/58/SR.37).

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.73 without a vote (see para. 8).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.73, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft decision proposed by the Chairman

7. At its 38th meeting, on 12 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours[1] (see para. 9).

[1] A/58/209.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/180 of 21 December 2001, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene in 2003 the international ministerial meeting now known as the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, as well as its resolution 57/242 of 20 December 2002,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation;[1]

2. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Government of Kazakhstan for hosting the International Ministerial Conference in Almaty on 28 and 29 August 2003;

3. *Endorses* the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries[2] and the Almaty Declaration,[3] adopted by the International Ministerial Conference;

4. *Calls* for full and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation";

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action.

[1] A/58/388.
[2] A/CONF.202/3, annex I.
[3] Ibid., annex II.

9. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours.[1]

[1] A/58/209.